

--9. (Amended) A delivering method for delivering content data, comprising the steps of:

receiving the content data provided from an information provider;

storing the content data;

delivering the content data to a receiving terminal unit;

receiving user watching / listening history from the receiving terminal unit;

storing the watching / listening history;

calculating a cost corresponding to the delivery of the content data; and

controlling a band of a network used for delivering the content data,

wherein a number of audiences for a content is pre-calculated corresponding to the watching / listening history,

the cost corresponding to the delivery of the content data is calculated, and

an information providing apparatus is informed of the cost.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 remain in the application and have been amended hereby.

As will be noted from the Declaration, Applicants are citizens and residents of Japan and this application originated there.

Accordingly, the amendments to the specification are made to place the application in idiomatic English, and the claims are amended to place them in better condition for examination.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended as follows:

--An information providing apparatus for registering the delivery of content data [for providing a content is disclosed, that comprises] including a storing [means] section for storing [a] content that is provided[,] and a delivery designating [means] section for designating a delivery condition for delivering [a] the content, wherein a delivering apparatus presents data necessary for [considering] determining the delivery condition that is designated [to said] by the delivery designating [means] section.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-9 have been amended as follows:

--1. (Amended) An information providing apparatus for registering [the] a delivery of content data [for providing a content], comprising:

 storing means for storing [a] the content [that is] data provided; and

 delivery designating means for designating a delivery condition for delivering [a] the content data,

 wherein a delivering apparatus presents data necessary for [considering] determining the delivery condition that is

designated [to said] by the delivery designating means.

--2. (Amended) The information providing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

communicating means for transmitting the content [that is] data provided to the delivering apparatus.

--3. (Amended) The information providing apparatus as set forth in claim 1,

wherein the data necessary for [considering] determining the delivery condition is [the] a number of audiences for the content [that is] data delivered.

--4. (Amended) The information providing apparatus as set forth in claim 1,

wherein the data necessary for [considering] determining the delivery condition is a delivery cost.

--5. (Amended) An information providing method for registering [the] a delivery of content data [for providing a content], comprising the steps of:

storing [a] the content [that is] data provided; and designating a delivery condition for delivering [a] the content data,

wherein before the delivery condition is designated, a delivering apparatus presents data necessary for [considering] determining the delivery condition [that is] designated.

--6. (Amended) A delivering apparatus for delivering content data [for providing a content], comprising:

first communicating means for receiving [a] content [that is] data provided from an information provider;

storing means for storing [a] the content data;

transmitting means for delivering [a] the content data to a receiving terminal unit;

second communicating means for receiving user profile information from [a] the receiving terminal unit;

profile storing means for storing the user profile information;

charging process controlling means for calculating a cost [necessary for delivering a] corresponding to the delivery of the content data; and

band controlling means for controlling a band used for delivering [a] the content data,

wherein [said] the charging process controlling means pre-calculates [the] a number of audiences for a content corresponding to the user profile information, calculates [a] the cost [necessary for delivering] corresponding to the delivery of the content data, and informs an information providing apparatus of the cost.

--7. (Amended) A delivering apparatus for delivering content data [for providing a content], comprising:

first communicating means for receiving [a] the content [that is] data provided from an information provider;

storing means for storing [a] the content data;
transmitting means for delivering [a] the content data
to a receiving terminal unit;

second communicating means for receiving user watching /
listening history from [a] the receiving terminal
unit;

watching / listening history storing means for storing the
user watching / listening history;

charging process controlling means for calculating a cost
[necessary for delivering a] corresponding to the delivery of
the content data; and

band controlling means for controlling a band of a network
used for delivering [a] the content data,

wherein [said] the charging process controlling means
pre-calculates [the] a number of audiences for [a] the content
data corresponding to the watching / listening history,
calculates [a] the cost [necessary for delivering]
corresponding to the delivery of the content data, and informs
an information providing apparatus of the cost.

--8. (Amended) A delivering method for delivering content
data [for providing a content], comprising the steps of:

receiving [a] the content [that is] data provided from an
information provider;

storing [a] the content data;
delivering [a] the content data to a receiving terminal
unit;

receiving user profile information from [a] the receiving terminal unit;

storing the user profile information;

calculating a cost [necessary for delivering a]
corresponding to the delivery of the content data; and

controlling a band used for delivering [a] the content data,

wherein [the] a number of audiences for [a] the content data is pre-calculated corresponding to the user profile information,

[wherein a] the cost [necessary for delivering]
corresponding to the delivery of the content data is calculated, and

[wherein] an information providing apparatus is informed of the cost.

--9. (Amended) A delivering method for delivering content data [for providing a content], comprising the steps of:

receiving [a] the content [that is] data provided from an information provider;

storing [a] the content data;

delivering [a] the content data to a receiving terminal unit;

receiving user watching / listening history from [a] the receiving terminal unit;

storing the watching / listening history;

calculating a cost [necessary for delivering a]

corresponding to the delivery of the content data; and
controlling a band of a network used for delivering [a]
the content data,

wherein [the] a number of audiences for a content is
pre-calculated corresponding to the watching / listening
history,

[wherein a] the cost [necessary for delivering]
corresponding to the delivery of the content data is
calculated, and

[wherein] an information providing apparatus is informed
of the cost.--